

REMARKS

Applicants have retained a single set of claims directed to a method for expressing a foreign gene in a cell. Applicants understand that this claim is of broader scope than merely eliciting an immune response; however, in both cases, a foreign gene is expressed in a cell. It will be noted that some of the proteins that may be included are interleukins and cytokines which would stimulate the immune system. However, other therapeutic proteins or proteins in general could be included. In addition, as the claims read simply on expression of a gene, production of materials at the RNA level can also be included.

Support for the claims as amended is found, for example, on page 10, line 6-page 11, line 19 and throughout the specification. No new matter was added by the amendment suggesting these claims.

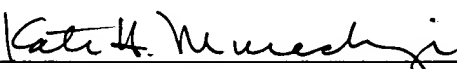
Again, applicants appreciate the willingness of the Examiner to consider these claims in the context of the present application and understand that further restriction may be required.

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